

Fatalgrams and Fatal Reports

Fatality #11 – October 28, 2011 Other – Gold Ore Newmont USA Limited - South Area

METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY - On October 28, 2011, a 21 year-old contract tire repair technician with 37 weeks of experience was killed at a surface gold operation. The victim was working in a shop repairing a haul truck tire. He was applying adhesive inside the tire and was completely out of view. He was not wearing respiratory protection.



Best Practices

- Develop, implement, and maintain a written Hazard Communication (HazCom) program.
- Ensure that a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) is accessible to persons for each hazardous chemical to which they may be exposed.
- Review and discuss MSDS control section recommendations. Establish and discuss safe work procedures before starting any work and identify and control all hazards.
- Train all persons to recognize and understand safe job procedures, including the physical and health hazards of chemicals that are being used and the proper use of respiratory protection.
- Ensure that adequate exhaust ventilation is provided to all work areas.
- Ensure that persons are not required to perform work alone in any area where hazardous conditions exist that would endanger their safety.

This is the 11th fatality reported in calendar year 2011 in the metal and nonmetal mining industries. As of this date in 2010, there were 18 fatalities reported in these industries. This is the 1st Other fatality in 2011. There was 1 Other fatality in the same period in 2010.

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